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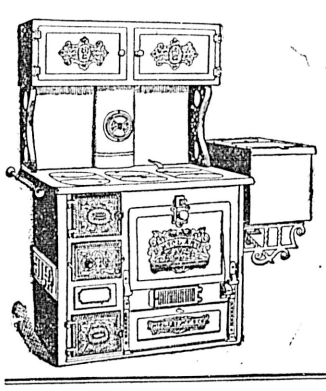

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THE 4th of the series of Conversaziones given by the ladies of the R. E. Church, is to be held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at "Ingle hurst," the residence of Mr. Thos. S. Wilson, on St Charles street, at 8:30 p.m. Single tickets 25 cents. ja5

A MASQUERADE BALL will be held in Strawberry Vale hall on Monday next Jan. 11. Admission 50 cents. ja5

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Fruit Growers Association of B.C., will be held in Victoria on Friday, the 29th day of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

T. G. EARL, President.
ja6-d-w A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Secretary.

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To the Electors of the South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the solicitation of a number of ratepayers, I have consented to become a Candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ja6 JOHN HALL.

To the Electors of the North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

I am a Candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ja6 W. J. DWYER.

To the Electors of the Central Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

Being largely interested in our city, I have, at the solicitation of many ratepayers, consented to offer myself as a Candidate for Alderman in Central Ward at the forthcoming municipal election. I am in favor of the strictest economy compatible with the public interest, and if elected shall use my best endeavors in the general interests of the city.

I solicit your votes and interest.

I am, yours most respectfully,

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A Bombay despatch to the Daily Mail reports that all the leading journals there describe the famine as the most widespread of the present century. It is the general opinion that the Viceroy errs in refusing English aid.

COLONIAL LOYALTY.

Sir Charles Tupper on the Affection of Canadians for the Motherland.

British Unity to Be Maintained at All Costs—Anti-Spanish Demonstration.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The complimentary banquet to Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Dominion opposition, and to Hon. Duncan Gillies and Hon. Sir Robert C. W. Herbert, agents respectively for the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania, in London at St. George's club to-night, was a most successful affair. The hall was half hung with colonial flags. Major General Sir Owen Burne presided and 150 guests sat down at the tables. Lord Ampthill, private secretary to Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, the Marquis of Tweedmouth, and all the colonial agents in London, except that for Cape Colony, were present. The Canadians present included J. G. Colmer, Hon. A. G. Jones, General Laurie, R. H. Pope, Sir Terence O'Brien, Sir Donald A. Smith and Sandford Fleming, C. M. G. Major General Burne toasted and eulogized Sir Charles Tupper, and the toast was drunk standing amid great enthusiasm.

Sir Charles Tupper replied, and in turn eulogized Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, who, he said, possessed the confidence of both great parties in Canada, and to whose pluck the success of the Canadian Pacific railway was due. Sir Charles also said: "I feel a great admiration for the United States, but I do not desire to possess their institutions. I feel that there is greater security under British institutions for life, property and liberty. Canadians are greatly flattered at the desire of the United States to possess Canada, but so deep is their loyalty and so united are the Canadians that the acquisition is impossible."

This expression was greeted with loud cheers. Sir Charles continued that they knew Canada would be a battleground in the event of any struggle between the United States and Great Britain, but there was not a public man or any other in Canada who would not do or die to maintain British unity. On this question all parties were united as one man. The speech of the Canadian ex-premier was received with tumultuous applause.

Hon. Duncan Gillies, agent for Victoria, said that he had never heard a better speech, and he hoped that it would not be long before Australasia would try to build up a united empire like Canada. "The colonies and mother country," he concluded, "ought to remain united."

A mass meeting was held in Paris to-night to protest against the torturing of anarchists in the prisons of Spain. Violent speeches were made and at their conclusion 5,000 persons marched to the Spanish embassy shouting "down with Canovas!" The police dispersed the mob and arrested several of the members.

Inquiries in ministerial and political circles in Madrid show that there is no hesitation there in affirming that the autonomist and other parties in Porto Rico are perfectly satisfied with the reforms just decreed as an instalment, and confide in the promises and good faith of the government to concede all the further self-government which the circumstances require. All rumors to the contrary circulated in the United States are pronounced to be unfounded.

The Times announces that Charles Day Rose has ordered J. G. Fay & Co. to build a yacht after J. M. Soper's design, to have an 80-foot liner rating. It is also announced that A. Barclay Willer meditates building a similar yacht after the design of the Fife Jr. The yachts Britannia and Ailsa are fitting out for the regatta.

While hunting with the Meynell-Ingram hounds to-day Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, formerly president of the board of agriculture, who was one of the Prince of Wales' party at the Duke of Sutherland's seat at Trentham hall, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured.

Advices from Vryburg say that a trader named Robinson, on the Mashoning river, has been murdered by natives and his wife and child made prisoners. It is also feared that the whole of the Baltoros tribe is revolting. The police station at Takoon has been abandoned and grave fears are felt for many of the settlers.

The Pope is pronounced well again, after the slight indisposition resulting from the exertions attendant upon his Christmas and New Year receptions, and he will resume his duties to-day.

Mr. Andrew Percy Bennett has been gazetted to the British consulate at New York.

John Chandler, a clerk, was arraigned in the Guildhall police court to-day charged with forging bills on S. F. McKinnon & Co., of Toronto, and others. The case was adjourned to enable witnesses from Canada to arrive.

The Times correspondent in Constantinople says that diplomacy there credits the Palace with inciting the Asiatic provincial governors to foment demonstrations against the proposed reforms in the provinces.

An Athens despatch to the Times report that there have been Mussulman attacks on Christians at various places in the Island of Crete, two having been killed and another wounded.

The Westminster Gazette this afternoon gives prominence to a report that Queen Victoria has decided to commemorate the fact that she has enjoyed the longest reign in English history by abdicating in favor of the Prince of Wales.

An interview with President Kruger is contained in a Johannesburg dispatch to the Times, which says that President Kruger displayed much anger at the reception accorded to Cecil Rhodes in Cape Colony. His efforts to create amity between the English and Dutch, the President added, were being upset by Rhodes, whose money, men and guns had caused the trouble.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon referring to the report that Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian premier, had declined the honor of knighthood, says this distinction was offered Mr. Laurier for New Year and that his answer left the matter so he could accept at a future date.

A new ocean-going yacht is to be built for Queen Victoria to replace the Victoria and Albert, the present royal yacht.

All information was refused as to the result of the issue of the city of Quebec conversion loan, issued in the middle of December for £654,800, three and a-half per cent. registered stock at 96, for the purpose of redeeming and converting the outstanding issues of the city of Quebec debentures bearing interest from 4½ to 6 per cent. It is generally stated in the city that the loan was a failure owing to the close price asked. It is believed, however, the loan may possibly work off during the next four months.

The St. James Gazette says Sir Henry Irving is not making satisfactory progress, and several months may elapse before he recovers sufficiently to reappear on the stage. It is also stated that Ellen Terry had several operations on her eyes. Her friends thought that when she left England she would not return to the stage, but she is now rapidly recovering on the Riviera.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Ontario Election Protests.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—All the Ontario election protests are settled except the one in London. The result of the petitions was the dismissal in all cases save those of South Brant, East Simcoe and North Ontario, where the members were unseated. It is expected the bye-elections in these constituencies will be held in the middle of February.

Election Trial Postponed.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 5.—The trial of the election petition against A. C. McDonald, member for King's county, was postponed till March on account of the illness of the respondent's counsel.

Ahead of Time.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—Ald. Scott, president of the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., has announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty next year.

Fasted Forty Days.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 5.—A remarkable case is being treated by the doctors here. A man 65 years of age, who is subject to fits of mental aberration, has abstained from food for forty days, being a victim to the delusion that he has been divinely ordered to fast until he receives word to again partake of food. He announced yesterday that his long fast was to end to-morrow. He is still in good health.

Concerning Laurier's Knighthood.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—A press cable from London states that Premier Laurier has only deferred accepting a knighthood for the present and that he may do so later on. There is, however, very little reason for doubting the accuracy of the statement made a few days ago that Mr. Laurier had declined the honor.

Ordained to Destroy the "Globe."

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—Fred Kirkby believed himself ordained by heaven to destroy the Globe building, and with that end in view constructed an infernal machine. Before he had a chance to put his design into execution, he was arrested for threatening to kill one McGregor with "spiritual bullets." His machine was taken from him and Kirkby is now locked up. He is apparently a religious monomanic, though otherwise perfectly sane. He makes a very good living in the arcade as a dealer in artists' materials.

M'MASTER & CO. IN LIQUIDATION.

Rumored Disappearance of a Member of the Local Legislature—Queen's University Association.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The wholesale house of J. S. McMaster & Co., dry goods merchants, has formally assigned for the purpose of liquidation. There is a nominal surplus of $130,000.

The wife of ex-Ald. Lucas dropped dead to-day.

An evening paper publishes a rumor that Orlando Bush, of Kemptville, a member of the Ontario legislature, has disappeared.

The parliament of Ontario has been called for the dispatch of business on February 10.

The friends of Queen's University formed an association to-night to look after the affairs of the University. Rev. Dr. Milligan is president.

POLISH FACTIONS AT WAR.

Residents of Bay City at Issue With Their Priest.

BAY City, Mich., Jan. 5.—Thousands of the warring factions of Poles, who are determined that Father Bogacki shall not officiate as their priest, attacked the parsonage of St. Stanislaus church today and stormed it for over an hour. All the windows were broken and the doors battered down. The entire police force was unable to quiet the mob. At 2:30 this afternoon Father Bogacki surrendered and was driven to another house. The Poles took possession of the parsonage. One of them was shot in the body and fatally injured. Detective Fitzgerald, who was guarding the beleagured pastor, was arrested charged with firing the shot.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

CANADIANS AT BISLEY.

A Typical Canadian Cottage to Be Put Up for Their Accommodation.

New Superannuation Bill—Charges Against ex-Postmaster Farrer Dismissed—Tariff Inquiry.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The council of the Dominion Rifle Association came up today to consider the plans proposed for the Canadian building at Bisley, and unanimously selected those sent in by Saxe & Rodden, architects of Montreal. They show a typical Canadian cottage of one and a half stories in height, of neat appearance, wide verandahs all round, and to be finished in Canadian woods. These plans were the only ones coming within the requirements of the association and the fixed cost of $7,500.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Mulock have been appointed a sub-committee of the cabinet to prepare a new superannuation bill.

A local hotelkeeper named Ranger was to-day fined $100 for adulterating whiskey.

The charges against Mr. Farrer, ex-postmaster of Brussels, for active interference at the general elections have been dismissed.

The tariff inquiry was continued today. Mr. E. B. Eddy, representing the well known Hull company, wanted the duty on wooden ware changed to a duty of 30 per cent., to keep out American goods coming in to choke our markets. He also wanted the duty on paper bags raised to 35 per cent., the same as is charged on envelopes, and a duty of $4 on pulp wood. The farmers' representatives also appeared evidencing great difference of views. No two seemed to favor the same proposal. Mr. Gorrel, of Brockville, asked for the abolition of the duty on all books entering Canada.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

List of Mayors Returned in a Number of Cities—Toronto By-Laws Carried.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The municipal elections took place yesterday throughout Ontario. In this city Mayor Fleming was re-elected by 1,585 majority over Ald. McMurrich. Mayor Fleming carried every ward. By-laws to authorise the expenditure of $250,000 on the new court house and $26,000 for a new water main, and also providing for elections to be held in future on New Year's day, were all carried by large majorities. The results in other cities for Mayor were: Hamilton, Ald. Colquhoun, mayor by 808 majority; Lindsay, Mayor Smythe; Bracebridge, Mayor Brown; Owen Sound, T. T. Thompson, mayor; Orillia, R. J. Saunderson; St. Thomas, Ald. Might; Goderich, J. R. Shannon; Chatham, Marry Smythe; Port Hope, J. W. Quinlon; Guelph, James Hewer; Rat Portage, ex-Reeve Young, mayor; Fort William, John McKillan, re-elected mayor by 1,086 majority; Port Arthur, G. T. Marks, mayor; Ottawa, S. Bingham by 250 voter over Crannell and 700 over Cluff.

MANITOBA ELECTION TRIALS.

Candidate for St. Boniface—Winnipeg's New City Council Organized—Customs Revenue.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—The trial of the Macdonald election petition opens on Thursday at Portage la Prairie. The judges to hear the petition are Killam and Dubuc.

To-day, before Chief Justice Taylor, Geo. B. Anderson, charged with two offences against the election law in the recent Winnipeg election, chose to be tried before a jury, and the case was remanded to the spring assizes.

Theo. Bertrand is spoken of as a probable candidate for St. Boniface. If he secures the nomination he will run in opposition to the government.

Winnipeg's new city council was organized to-day with Mayor McCreary presiding. Ald. Andrews was elected chairman of the finance committee.

The duty collected at Winnipeg for December totalled $39,523.01. An increase of $2,000 over December 1895.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE.

Imposing Funeral Ceremonials in Montreal—January Settling Day Revealed a Strong Financial Situation.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The body of Archbishop Fabre was interred to-day. The ceremonies in the cathedral were of a most impressive and solemn character. The Archbishop of Ottawa officiated. After requiem service no less than five "absouts" were chanted by Archbishops Walsh, of Toronto; Begin, of Quebec; Langevin of St. Boniface; and Duhamel, of Ottawa; and Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield; the whole ceremony concluding with the Libera. All the bishops of Canada were present except Archbishop Cleary, who sent his vicar-general, Rev. Abbe Gauthier, Bishop Dowling of Hamilton, and two bishops in the Northwest and British Columbia. Twenty judges attended in a body, headed by Sir Alexander Lacoste and the two criers all wearing court dress.

The banks here report that settling day passed off well; payments were promptly met. The financial situation as revealed by the payments is eminently satisfactory.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—the best remedy. x

FAVOR FILIBUSTERING.

Sentiment in Florida in Sympathy With the Cubans—U.S. Cruiser's on the Lookout.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Scott Wikes, assistant secretary of the treasury, has returned to this city after ten days' absence in Florida, and to-day returned to his duties. Mr. Wikes says that outside of a number of leading cigar manufacturers in Tampa, the sentiment throughout Florida, both American and native Cuban is almost entirely with the insurgents and on this account the government officials find it extremely difficult to make much headway in their efforts to suppress filibustering expeditions. Then the inhabitants, he said, not only misled the officials, but in many cases give important aid to the filibusterers. Mr. Wikes said he believed that the officials were doing their best under these adverse circumstances to uphold the law, but not, he admits, with much success.

The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and the dispatch boat Dolphin have been ordered to Florida waters to reinforce the already numerous fleet of government vessels now engaged in the effort to suppress filibustering expeditions to Cuba. Though a dispatch boat technically, the Dolphin would be a formidable craft to a filibuster, not so much on account of her speed, which is about 15 knots, as from her machine guns, her main battery and crew. She carries two 47-millimetre Hotchkiss guns, several 6-pounder guns of the same type and two 4-inch rapid fire rifles. From his experience as chief of the hydrographic office, Commander Clover is well fitted to navigate his ship safely in the narrow channels and passes of the Florida coast.

The Vesuvius should be useful in patrol duty on account of her speed. Twenty-one knots is her record on the trial. Besides the dynamite guns, the Vesuvius has a small but effective battery, made up of three 3-pounder Hotchkiss guns, enough to stop anything short of an armored boat, within a distance of three miles. She draws only seven feet of water, and therefore will be able to follow the small filibustering crafts into shallow water. The question was asked of the treasury officials what more in the way of restraining the departure of vessels with arms for Cuba could be expected of a dozen warships than of one, as long as Cuban-bound boats were permitted to clear regularly and according to law, but no satisfactory answer could be returned.

ST. GEORGES, Island of Bermuda, Jan. 5.—The British steamer Bermuda, Capt. Scorr, alleged to be a filibuster, which left New York, December 30, has arrived twenty-four hours overdue, probably owing to fog and rough weather. It would have been impossible for her to land a filibustering expedition on the coast of Cuba since December 31.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—According to the Tageblatt, some of the European powers, Russia and France being mentioned, have come to an understanding to make representations to Washington in order to prevent further trouble between the United States and Spain.

FEARFUL STORM IN THE WEST.

Trains Long Overdue—Business Almost at a Standstill in Half a Dozen States.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—A blizzard has been raging throughout the Northwest yesterday and the day previous, and as a result train service is considerably crippled. In a number of towns business was about suspended. Devil's Lake, N.D., reported no trains for thirty-three hours, and Grand Forks makes a similar report, adding that the schools are closed and wires down to the west of there.

In South Dakota there was more snow, but the storm was a little more severe than in the north state. Huron reports drifts fifteen feet high, and the storm still raging. Vermillion states that all business has been suspended. Mitchell reports no trains since the storm began on Sunday morning and streets deserted. Brookings classes it as the worst blizzard known for years, and all business suspended. Yankton reports many trains abandoned on account of the storm. Watertown fears that the stock will suffer.

Throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota the storm has been severe. Glyndon reports trains snowed up in drifts ten feet deep, Detroit says the railroads cannot do much toward opening their tracks before to-morrow. Moorhead discovers some sign of abatement in the storm, which is the worst that has visited that place, cold winds blowing fifty miles an hour and the snow drifting ten feet or more. Barnesville, in the same part of the state, reports all business suspended.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 5.—Passengers on the Colorado express, west bound, on the Santa Fe road, had a trying experience in Sunday's blizzard. At 1:30 o'clock in the morning, at a point ten miles east of Dodge City, Kan., the train stuck fast in a deep cut that had been filled with snow, and until the following noon not a wheel was turned, and when, after nearly ten hours' imprisonment, they began clamoring for something to eat, the conductor found several crates of eggs and pails of fresh oysters. The expressman had some cornmeal and salt and pepper. The trainmen then turned in, and from these articles prepared a Sunday dinner that was served to the hungry passengers on pieces of pasteboard shortly before noon. Railroad traffic throughout Kansas was considerably delayed on Sunday, but to-day reports from throughout the state indicate that the storm is subsiding.

OMAHA, Jan. 4.—Up to midnight there has been little abatement in the fury of the storm that has raged that this section for sixty hours. The snow had ceased falling, but the wind still blows a gale and the temperature is very low. Reports from the state indicate only a partial blockade. Trains on the Union Pacific, Burlington, Elkhorn and Rock Island roads west are moving slowly, but within one or two hours of schedule time. On the north and south roads there is much trouble. The Omaha line is completely tied up, the drifts in the northern part of the state being such that the road could not be opened while the storm raged. Branch lines suffered greatly, nearly all being blocked. So far there has been no loss of life reported. In this city business has only been slightly interrupted.

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REV. CHAS. FISH

Methodist Minister, Toronto

Few men better known or more highly esteemed in the ministerial ranks in Canada than the gentleman whose portrait accompanies this. Although now retired from the more active work in the ministry, he has held almost all the more important charges throughout Ontario as a pastor in the Methodist Church. He is one of the pioneer preachers. A few words of his to fellow-sufferers will be taken in the spirit which he intends them, feeling that in publishing to the world the great benefits he has derived from his great cure he is but doing his first duty to man, and, in a measure, fulfilling the old command, "Do unto others," etc.

About ten years ago I felt the beginnings of what is commonly known as Eczema. The disease commenced in my ears and spread entirely over both sides of my head and also developed on my hands. During those ten years I was a great sufferer. I tried many supposed remedies and some of the best physicians—specialists on skin diseases—treated me. Beyond affecting temporary relief, I received no more benefit and all failed to effect a cure. Some time ago I was led from reading and investigating some reliable testimonies I read in the newspapers to try Dr. Chase's celebrated Ointment. The first box gave me so much relief that I felt warranted in persevering. As I write this I am just commencing on the fifth box, and, judging from the rapid improvement effected, I am certain that before the box is completed I shall be completely cured. I think my cure almost a marvel, and shall be pleased at any time to answer any inquiry from like cause. Having suffered so much myself, I give this testimony for the benefit of others.

CHAS. FISH,
Methodist Minister.

192 Dunn Avenue, Toronto.

HAWAIIAN ADVICES.

Foreign Mail Service—Activity Among Chinese Revolutionists—Relations With the United States.

(Per Steamship Miowera.)

The postmaster general of the Hawaiian Republic has made public his report in reference to the foreign mail service for the year 1897. In it he says that the mail service between San Francisco, Vancouver and Seattle and Honolulu this year will be the best the islands has had for years. The steamship companies operating between the Coast and Honlulu have so arranged the schedules of their boats that mail will be received every week. In many instances the mail will arrive twice and as often as three times a week.

The service during the year just closed has been miserable at times. Residents have been obliged to wait for twenty-one and twenty-three days for mail from the States. Those who were interested in the election of the President of the United States appreciate the benefits of a good foreign mail service. The residents of the islands were kept in suspense for over a fortnight to know the result, and then the news first came via China. There will be no long waits like this this year. But in one or two instances do the boats of the different steamship companies arrive from the same coast ports on the same day.

The agents of the Revolutionary Society of China in Honolulu are active again. Several residents of the city, including four members of the regular guard, have bee approached by well known Chinese and offered tempting inducements to bid adieu to Hawaii and enter China in behalf of the cause. Among those who have been taken into the confidence of the Celestials is Sergeant Frank Ferry, of Company F. Sergeant Ferry is an excellent soldier and is drill master of several volunteer companies. His success in instructing men in the manual of arms and marching has come to the knowledge of the rebelling Chinese and they are anxious that he should go to China and drill their countrymen who are in sympathy with their plans, in order that they might perform effective work when the rebellion against the present emperor occurs. He has been assured that his services will be well paid for. Other military men who have good records have been asked to go to China and assist in organizing the rebelling forces. There are a number of Honolulu men who have standing offers to enter the service of the revolutionary society.

The feeling in Honolulu in favor of the annexation of the islands to the United States seems to be growing. Among the converts are many natives, who a few years ago would not listen to the annexationists.

U. S. Minister Willis was seriously ill when the Miowera left. Daily bulletins were being published in the papers.

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ELECTIONS IN FRANCE.

Sixty-Four Republican Senators, Twenty One Radicals and Twelve Reactionaries Returned.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—Elections were held on Sunday to replace one-third of the senators whose terms are expiring. The senators will hold office three year. The Radical and Socialist candidats and numerous extremists hoped to secure enough seats to change the charater of the senate, and to prevent a recurrence of the constitutional struggle which occurred last April between the senate and cabinet. The platform called for the election of senators by universal suffrage. Their hopes were, however, blighted by the results of Sunday's elections, all of the Socialists having been defeated. The full returns show that 61 Republicans have been elected, 21 Radicals and 12 Reactionaries.

The constitutional struggle of last April grew out of a vote of censure passed by the senate on M. Ricard, minter of justice. The chamber, however, voted a resolution of confidence in the ministry, which declined to resign, maintaining the constitutional prerogative of the chamber to retain the ministry. M. Constans has been defeated at Toulouse by one vote, by M. Romusal. Nearly sixty senators whose terms expire have been re-elected, including MM. Trinieux. Cochery and Feveli.

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Dated 30th December, 1896.

By order of the Trustees,
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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Vancouver Chain Gang Refuse to Work and Hold the Fort.

New Year's at Plumper Pass—Mayoralty Contest at the Terminal City.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—Both the candidates for the Mayoralty have opened committee rooms and the fight is waxing fast and furious. Mr. Templeton writes to the morning newspaper saying Ald. Banfield appears to be wishful to run the school board as well as the finance committee. Meetings will be held in all the wards of the city, and contraty to expectations, the contest promises to be a hot one.

The Supreme court was held here yesterday, Mr. Justice McColl and Mr. Justice Bole presiding. Several cases of minor importance were disposed of. In the County court before Mr. Justice Bole there were no cases of public interest.

In the billiard tournament at Hotel Vancouver last night Mr. H. J. Sharpe, 220, beat Mr. A. W. H. Curtis, 200, by 15 points. The result was a surprise to many, as Mr. Curtis was the favorite and a likely winner. To-night M. E. B. Deane, 240, will play Mr. A. E. Kealey, 220, and the winner of to-night's game will meet Mr. Sharpe in the final to-morrow night.

The Hockey Club played a very exciting game at Brockton Point, the teams being Club Colors vs. Etceteras Both teams were mixed, ladies taking part with the gentlemen, and the fair players showed up in excellent style. The result was a win for the Etceteras by two goals to none, both goals being scored by ladies, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Boultbee respectively.

Vancouver has the most novel labor difficulty on record. The chain gang are on strike. Some 25 vagrants were ordered out on New Year's Day to clean city lots. Over half of them refused duty and were put on a diet of bread and water, whilst those who went to work had New Year's turkey. Now nearly all the gang are on strike, and since New Year have been sleeping two and three in a cell and living on bread and water. Some of the less vigorous ones seem scarcely able to stand this insufficient diet but are stubbornly holding out.

The city council met last night, a very short session being all that was needed to dispose of the business. The action of the mayor in having the chain gang put on a bread and water diet pending their willingness to work was endorsed. Reports from the board of works and finance committees were read and adopted.

Mr. Selevor, of Portland, representing a syndicate who are anxious to make satisfactory arrangements for the erection of a smelter here, interviewed a special meeting of the city council yesterday and submitted his proposition in writing. After the matter had been discussed by the council, Mr. Selevor having retired, it seemed to be the general opinion of the members of the council that a bonus of $150,000 was excessive for a smelter to cost $400,000, and that the better course would be to grant a bonus of $50,000 and then an additional bonus of a certain amount per ton of ore treated. Finally a committee composed of an alderman from each ward, to act in conjunction with Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., as city solicitor, was appointed to draw up a legal agreement with Mr. Selevor. The council ask a deposit of $10,000 from Mr. Selevor as a guarantee of good faith, this sum to be forfeited to the city should there be any failure on the part of the syndicate to carry out the agreement. Much interest is being taken here in this matter, and it is likely the whole proposition will be thoroughly ventilated during the municipal campaign now on.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of the man found dead in bed at the Gold house, and a verdict of death from unknown causes returned. The jury made a recommendation that an analysis be made of the contents of the stomach of the deceased, and this will probably be done.

Frank Gall, a fisherman who had been living with an Indian woman in a shack an the water front, was found dead and an inquest held yesterday. A verdict that death resulted from bleeding of the lungs was returned.

The Manor house has changed its name to the Badminton.

The first annual banquet of the McGill University graduates took place to-night. Representatives from all the British Columbia cities were present and the gathering was numerous.

Major-General Kinchant has become a permanent resident of Vancouver.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 5.—An alarm of fire from Dr. Fagan's residence caused the brigade to turn out on Sunday evening, but on their arrival on the scene it was found that the chimney of the Chinaman's room over the stable had caught fire, and damage to the amount of $20 was the only result.

The old and new city councils met yesterday. The old council settled the dispute which had arisen between the city and Mr. Henry Bell-Irving in regard to some waterfront lots, passed the water works pay roll, granted a request to lay building material on the sidewalks, referred one or two matters to the new council, and adjourned. The new council held an informal caucus to talk over committees, and adjourned.

The usual river shipping is somewhat increased of late by the quantity of live stock being brought down. Travel on the river is light.

PLUMPER PASS.

GALIANO, Jan. 4.—Through the kindness of Mr. Henry Georgeson, keeper of the Active Pass lighthouse, and Mr. T. Bennett, propritor of the Point Comfort hotel, New Year's Eve was spent in a becoming fashion by a large number of Island residents, the spacious dining room of the large hotel affording good accommodation for the reception of the guests. The festivities of the season were not entirely dispensed with, dancing forming the chief pastime, whilst socialibility reigned supreme. The New Year was impressively announced in rather a novel way, by the entrance into the room of four "footers," characterizing the four seasons of the year, who extended congratulations and the usual season's greeting to all present.

LARDEAU.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The Kootenay Lumber Co.'s mill is now in full swing. The machinery is driven by a Pelton wheel, the power being derived from the waters of the creek, which is dammed at a height of 300 feet above the mill, from whence the water is led through a 12-inch supply pipe; this narrows down to a 2-inch pipe, which plays on the wheel, which is only three feet in diameter. Sufficient power is thus developed to drive all the machinery of the mill; in fact, the capacity of the mill could be doubled without any increase of water supply. Over 40 men are at present employed in and around the mill.

BIG BEND.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

Everything is doing nicely at the Orphan Boy, the only quartz property working in the Bend this winter, but there are several others in shape to start as soon as provisions can be got in. The tunnel in the Orphan Boy is in over 100 feet and cuts two rich ledges of quartz, one of which is over two feet wide, the other eight or ten feet. There are also three other distinct leads on this claim varying from eighteen inches to two feet in width. Mill tests from this property run between $30 and $40 per ton, gold.

Gus Lund is at the North Star placer. He is running a tunnel to tap the old channel and expects to strike it rich in a few days.

Work is in full blast on the Consolation. John Sweeney has charge of this great placer, which is famous for its coarse gold and big nuggets. It is a constant producer of the yellow metal, and $12 per man is a conservative estimate of the daily output.

Work will shortly be commenced on several of the claims on Keystone Mountain.

BELIEVED TO BE LIVING.

Maceo Reported to Be Recovering From His Wounds—Execution of Insurgents.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The Paris edition of the Herald stated on Sunday that it can guarantee the accuracy of the news which it presents that Antonio Maceo is still alive.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—Thomas Lovelace, second lieutenant of the Soledad, wrecked off the north coast of South America in October, is spending a few days here with his mother. While wrecked, Lovelace spent three days at Havana, and has just returned from Cuba. He talked interestingly with a reporter, and when asked regarding the reported death of Maceo, said:

"I am convinced that Maceo is not dead. In my opinion, the story of his death was promulgated by the insurgents themselves. The Vamoose, that sailed from New York and is at present detained at Key West, can make twenty-eight knots at hour, and I have some pretty reliable information that her object was to convey Maceo to the other side of the island, where he might join Gomez, and the two plan the campaign together. I have not the slightest doubt, in fact, that Maceo is recovering from his wounds. The insurgents will take no aggressive action until his complete recovery.

"In these three days at Havana," said Mr. Lovelace, "I saw 68 insurgents executed on a sandbar near the ships. They stood the prisoners up in squads of eight or ten and then one soldier was selected to pick them off one at a time just as though they were shooting rats. The prisoners were in all sorts of attitudes while the shooting was going on. Some were kneeling in prayer, others were standing erect, but none showed signs of fear. The prisoners ranged from boys not over 8 to gray headed men. None of the executions lasted long. I say one squad of ten men shot down in about fifteen minutes. At one time I saw three officers of the insurgents executed, and they were allowed a volley from ten soldiers."

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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Business in stocks was again to-day of very slender proportions was an irregular movement, and the market frequently bordered on stagnation. In the forenoon session lower prices were current on moderate pressure against the specialties. The losses scored were not extensive, however, as traders, partly on account of the lack of pressure of "long" stock were indisposed to commit themselves to any important extent on the "short" side. The closing was strong with comparative figures showing an improvement of a point or thereabouts in many stocks.

The Evening Post says: "Perhaps because to-day was fixed for the Cameron resolution to come up in the senate, the markets opened unfavorably. London quotations were a fraction under parity, and our own early transactions were made a decline. At noon a rumor circulated throughout Wall street, that the Cameron resolution either had been or would be indefinitely postponed. Responding to some such anticipated change in the Washington situation, securities moved up rapidly. The afternoon's advance was well distributed, very few stocks failing to share in the improvement. Trading at the same time grew more active, but continued in the main professional. The day's financial news was not important.

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Celtic Queen	.05	Monita	.25
Colonna	.12½	Mugwump	.14¼
Commander	.27	Monte Cristo	.17
Deer Park	.25	Nest Egg	.10½
Delacola	.04½	Novelty	.12½
Elise	.15	O.K.	.31
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Enterprise	.20	Poorman	.10
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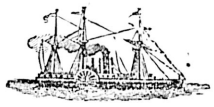

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OUR MINING INTERESTS.

The Canadian Mining Review, published at Ottawa, in its December number has an article entitled Truth vs. Exaggeration, in which it undertakes to correct some statements regarding the Rossland Camp which appeared in a journal of the Imperial Institute, as follows:

That its output will surpass even that of the Rand is, in the opinion of those well qualified to judge, also most probable, ... more than $1,750,000 worth of Kootenay ore has been smelted and the products shipped in three months. The Rossland Camp may alone be expected to produce between 350,000 and 400,000 tons of ore per annum. The gross products being estimated at between seven and eight million dollars, nearly half of which is profit, ... the value of the mining industry of Southern British Columbia should reach a total of 30 or 40 millions of dollars per annum within the next five years.

The Mining Review takes to task the writer in question for what it considers gross misrepresentation, which it states is productive of more harm than good to the mining industry. So far as the remarks of the Review apply the editor is undoubtedly correct. There is no benefit ultimately to be derived from exaggerating or misrepresenting the actual condition of affairs, and in fact much harm may be accomplished. While the editor of the paper in question has done much good in exposing wild-cat schemes and the general tendency to boom mining properties, he is nevertheless undoubtedly prejudiced against British Columbia. There is an evident desire on the part of the Review to discount any statements which would make British Columbia appear in a more favorable light than Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario, which are, strictly speaking, the peculiar constituency of the Review. In short, the editor is somewhat jealous of our mineral resources. For instance, he says: "We do not imagine that any intelligent person knowing the conditions that exist in British Columbia will expect a value of thirty or forty millions of dollars per annum could be reached in any such period of time as the journal names, if it is ever reached." We do not know upon what ground the Review bases this conclusion, even if we were to take the Rossland mines as representing the principal mineral wealth of the Province, but Rossland and Trail or the whole Kootenay country for that matter, which is very large and very rich in minerals, does not represent by any means the possibilities of the Province in mineral wealth. There are half a dozen districts which give quite as favorable indications as Kootenay did a few years ago, and any one of which, if taken alone, would justify great expectations.

The people of the East have come to regard Rossland and Trail as practically representing the whole of British Columbia from a mining point of view; but this is due simply to the fact that this part of Kootenay has been brought so prominently before the minds of the reading public. It is not necessarily any reflection on the mines in the vicinity of Rossland to say that in a few years there will be camps in Yale, Cariboo, Lillooet, Vancouver Island, on the Coast and in the Northern Interior, which will be quite as well known in the mining world as Rossland is to-day, and which will probably rival it in the production of ore. When the editor of the Review comes to understand the situation in British Columbia and have a more intimate knowledge of its resources he will arrive perforce at the conclusion that British Columbians are not necessarily guilty of exaggeration when they speak hopefully of its future, even should they compare it with California, Australia or South Africa in their palmiest days.

KOOTENAY AND THE COAST.

The COLONIST has been brought to task by some of the Interior papers for commenting upon the unanimity and warmth of advocacy of the eastern papers with respect to the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, while they are apparently indifferent to the claims of the Coast to have that railway, when built, extended to the Coast. Of course it is natural that the people of eastern Canada should look after their own interests, and they are quite right in having the road built through the Crow's Nest Pass to tap the trade of the mining districts if they can, irrespective of the claims of the country west of that. However, it is nevertheless true that the business interests involved to a large extent account for the interest so suddenly displayed, and not the benefits to be derived by British Columbia itself.

It has already been intimated by one of the Ministers that political power lies largely in the East as yet, and that consequently the expression of opinion there must to a large extent govern, or rather influence, the policy of the Government of Canada, which means, in other words, that it is a question of political strength that counts, not altogether the merits of the case. It was for this reason that the COLONIST pointed out that the people in British Columbia had some right to be considered in the matter and that their interests were equally involved. As a matter of fact, the building of a direct line through the Crow's Nest Pass to Kootenay if it were not extended to the coast, while benefiting the East, would be absolutely disadvantageous to the commercial interests of the Province, inasmuch as it would afford an undue advantage to the Eastern merchant and enable him to practically control the market, while our own merchants would be handicapped.

It is very evident that to preserve the equilibrium and to do justice to British Columbia the considerations we have advanced should have weight with the Dominion Government. It may be Provincialism, as one of the Kootenay papers calls it, to advocate the simultaneous building of the line from the Coast to the Interior with the one through Crow's Nest Pass, but it is nevertheless simple justice, and we are content to be regarded as provincial so long as being provincial means obtaining for our Province what is right and equitable. To the people in some parts of Kootenay it may be a matter of no consequence from what quarter they get their goods or in what direction the trade goes so long as their interests are best served, but it should be remembered that the interests of every part of the Province are intimately bound up with the good of every other part, and Kootenay does not by any means stand alone. It is always well to keep the national idea to the front. It is what we advocate. It is not national, however, to create conditions which will give one part of the Dominion an advantage over the other, more especially when they involve expenditure to be borne by all alike.

STIRRING UP STRIFE.

In its edition of the Sunday after Christmas, when all the world had been talking of peace and good-will to men, the New York Herald devoted considerable space to a discussion of the prospects of war with Spain—a topic, doubtless, of peculiar interest to those who had celebrated or were about further to celebrate the anniversary of the greatest event in the world's history. Editorially the paper treated of the "Improbable event of war"; but its first page bristled with cuts, illustrative of "the water approaches and defences of New York" and "the fortifications upon which Havana would depend in case of attack," the headings of the respective articles describing the situation, being: "New York City is safe. No Spanish navy would dare to make an attack upon it even if we had no navy," and "How Havana would be taken. Our fleet with 150 guns would be too strong for the Spanish forts and obsolete ordnance."

On pages two and three are cuts intended to compare the navy of Spain with that of the United States, supplemented by "Facts and figures that graphically outline the possibilities of a war between the two countries." Then there is an article entitled "Our military policy would be quick sharp work—Lieutenant J. C. W. Brooks, U.S.A., tells with what ease we could cope with Spain in one Rapid Campaign." In two short columns under the heading, "Should War Come," Commander J. W. Miller tells what part the naval militia would play. All this may be, and doubtless is, of very great interest to the swash bucklers of the United States who are and have been largely brought up in their schools and through their newspapers on national self importance.

No doubt their warlike ardor would be considerably dampened when they must have seen in subsequent cablegrams that the Powers of Europe would doubtless have something to say should the United States presume to attempt to carry into effect the logical sequence of President Cleveland's deliverances on the subject and of the resolution submitted to Congress by the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate. It may be all very well for the eagle to scream when the British lion is sleeping and when a twist or two of his tail makes little difference one way or the other; but when the Powers of Continental Europe have to be reckoned with, with their immense armies and navies, the situation is somewhat different. They would, some of them—to use a well known expression—sooner fight than eat, and as for peaceful arbitrations, the peace footing of their armies and navies is so extensive that it would not take very much to lead some of them—for want of other employment of their forces—to take some step which though in the first place directed against the United States, might embroil the whole world and bring on the greatest of all wars.

In the same issue, however, of the Herald as the one referred to at the commencement of this article, we notice an editorial entitled "A national danger as well as crime against the law of the United States." The subject dealt with under this caption is the duty which "the Government at Washington owes to itself even more than to Spain to see that criminal proceedings are promptly begun and vigorously prosecuted against the Three Friends filibusterers." With respect to this it is remarked that "one foolhardy expedition resulting as in this case in a reckless clash of arms is more dangerous even than a mischievous jingo congress, since it is well calculated to inflame popular passion on both sides and even foment war." But the "Three Friends" expedition—to go no further back than the present controversy—is not the only occasion upon which the neutral obligations of the United States have been lost sight of but have been openly and flagrantly trampled upon.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

IN the Scalpel "a Frenchman" gives his views at length in regard to the depopulation of France. He says that it is not the high death rate that is blameworthy, but the low birth rate; while the defective vitality cannot be laid to the charge of poverty. "The richer a Frenchman is," continues the writer, "the fewer children he has—the rich, the educated, the cultured are the culprits. The French people do not choose to have families." After discussing the subject in a plain and cogent manner, the writer inquires: "Should we not blame the decadence of an effete civilization in which refinement is pushed beyond the limits of reason?"

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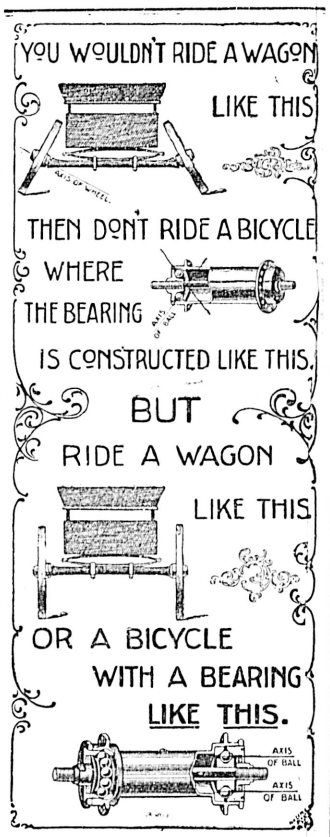

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THE CITY.

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A MASQUERADE ball is to be given at Strawberry Vale next Monday evening.

THE Kindergarten and primary school at 10 Blanchard street re-opens for the Easter term to-day.

MISS AGNES DEANS CAMERON has promised to deliver an address to the members of the Y.W.C.A. next Tuesday evening.

THE council of the board of trade meets to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock, when a number of important matters will receive discussion.

THE McKinley Music Co., of Chicago, have issued the following latest songs: "My Baby's Kiss," "That Nasty Little Copper Colored Coon," "Pride of Silver Street," and "Two Little Blue Little Shoes."

MRS. DEMPSTER is giving a parlor social at her residence, Fernwood road, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to the members and friends of the W.C.T.U. An interesting programme has been prepared for the occasion.

ALL yesterday was taken up by the Behring Sea Claims Commission in the examination of Capt. J. D. Warren on the seizures of the Dolphin, Grace Sayward and Anna Beck. The sitting was not very interesting, the evidence dealing with details of matters already touched on.

"THE Poetry of Kew Gardens," is the title given to a reproduction just issued of twenty-four paintings by M. and Mme. C. A. de L'Aubiniere now on view at the North Gallery, Royal Gardens, Kew, and at Steeple & Co.'s famous gallery. The pictures and the reproductions have been favorably commented upon by the entire art world of Europe.

A FINE group of individual portraits of the Behring Sea Claims Commission party is on view in the large window of Mr. Robert Jamieson, the pictures—ten in number—being from Savannah's studio. All the photographs are of the genuine platinum finish, and as they are executed in the highest style of the art, it is not to be wondered at that they give unqualified satisfaction to all.

SEATTLE's pineer newspaper, the Post-Intelligencer, celebrated the advent of 1897 with a 56-page issue, reviewing comprehensively the growth and industries of the city and state—not forgetting a friendly reference filling several columns, to the advancement of British Columbia. The compilation is an exceedingly creditable one, while the manner of presentation of the various industries is original, artistic and interesting. Seattleites once more have cause to be proud of their representative newspaper.

THE promotion list of the High school as a result of the Christmas examinations was as follows, the promotions being from Division IV to Division III, in order of merit: Preston Coates, Gordon Grant, Launcelot Clark, Catherine Chapman, Harry Gartley, Harry Cumber, Annie Crocker, Kenneth Hughes, John Leeming, Louis Borde, Clementina King, Winnifred Ewart, Irene Pickard, Laura Veitch, Eleanor Loat, Alleda Horner, Archie McRae, Frank Bone, Olive Souden, Thomas Crocker, Vira Babington, Maud Munsie, Winnifred Hopper, Jane Taylor and Percy Knott.

IN addition to the special Christmas donations, friends contribtted to the F. H. A. during the month of December as follows: Donations in money from Miss Crease, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Powers, the City, the I.O.O.F., the Provincial Government, Mr. C. Kent and Miss Davey; stores from Mrs. Tom Kains and Mrs. Patterson; also bed and mattrasses from the latter; blankets from Weiler Bros.; and clothing from Mrs. D. W. Gillies, Mrs. G. McConnan, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. J. Gill, Mrs. Englehardt, Mrs. F. Macrae, Mrs. Barnsley, Mrs. Gore, Miss Carr, Mrs. Templeman, Mr. C. A. Holland, and Mrs. Wilson, Birdcage Walk. Forty-seven families were assisted with groceries, fuel clothing, etc.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

Selling at cost—A large lot of children's games and toys at Lombard's music store. x

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REV. J. F. BETT's conducted yesterday's special "week of prayer" services in the Y.M.C.A. parlors. This morning Rev. P. H. McEwen, of Emmanuel Baptist church, will be in charge.

A NEW YEAR's consecration meeting in which the Woman's Missionary Society of all the Methodist churches of the city took part, was held yesterday afternoon, in the Epworth League rooms at the Metropolitan church.

MR. R. H. JOHNSTON has taken over the business for years carried on under the firm name of P. T. Johnston & Co., and intends to handle a complete line of fresh and reliable seeds, also giving special attention to ordered designs and floral pieces, at 82 Douglas street.

THE fourth of the winter series of conveasaziones arranged by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church is to be held this evening at the residence of Mr. Thomas S. Wilson, St. Charles street. The following ladies and gentlemen having promised to assist, a thorough treat may be looked for: Mrs. Gordon, Miss Walker, the Misses Wilson, Miss Hutcheson, Messrs. Floyd, Kent, Goward and Lombard.

THE wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co. x

AT the meeting of the executive of the Victoria Teachers' Institute yesterday, the following programme for the term ending June 30 was arranged:

January—President's address, Mr. Netherby; "History and how to teach it," Mr. McNeill; and "Language lessons to first primers," Miss Nesbit.

February—"How to teach the physical features of a country," Mr. Salloway; and "Subtraction," Mr. Currie.

March—"Mood," Miss Lawson; and "Teaching of fractions in reduction," Miss Spiers.

May—"Reading to advanced classes," Miss Watson; and "Educational topic," Mr. Wilson, I.P.S.

June—"Writing," Mr. Tait; and "How can schools best prepare good citizens," Miss Cameron.

A VERY successful concert was held in the new public hall, at Vesuvius Bay, on Thursday evening last, a number of songs, recitations and instrumental pieces being given, all of which were well appreciated—also two little pieces of acting of the tragic-comic order, which caused roars of laughter. The net receipts of this and a prior concert held in the same hall a few weeks since, footed up $40, which amount will be expended in lining and ceiling the interior of the building. Trustees to take charge of the hall were appointed at a public meeting held on the 16th ultimo. They are to hold office for five years, the last on the list giving place to a new member each year. The next meeting of the Salt Spring Island club will be at W. E. Scott's residence on January 15.

A LARGE and well satisfied audience was present at Semple's hall yesterday evening to enjoy the excellent programme provided through the efforts of the young people of the district, as a benefit to Mrs. Murdoch McLaughlan and her fatherless little ones. The sad circumstances of the father's death, by an accident on board the Costa Rica, of which ship he was third officer, are still fresh in memory, and by their presence in large numbers at last evening's entertainment Victorians showed that they have not forgotten how to express their sympathy in a practical manner. At the same time they had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting programme provided by so well known and and capable entertainers as Miss Nicholson, Mr. F. Leroy, Mr. A. Semple, Miss R. Blackie, Mr. H. Cave, the Mandolin Club of the R.M.A., Mr. Douglas, Miss A. McKenzie, Miss L. E. Russell, Sapper Truscott, R.E., Mr. R. J. Russell, jr., Mr. W. Cave, Mr. North, Mr. Ball, Mr. A. Cave, Mr. Rowlands, Mr. Douglas and Gunner Ayton, R.M.A.

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THE Ladies of the Maccabees will hold their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. today.

THE Philharmonic Club will give a concert and social hop in Philharmonic hall next Tuesday evening. An interesting programme is being prepared, and Wolff's orchestra has been engaged for the dance.

FOUR young men charged with vagrancy were lined up in the police court yesterday; one of the number, Edward Clarke, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment—the three others were discharged.

MR. GEORGE L. COURTNEY, local agent of the C.P.R., has been notified of a new freight tariff on European goods handled by his company, to take effect on the 30th inst. The new tariff is a big cut in rates, but the extent of the reduction is not yet announced.

No change has been recorded during the past few days in the condition of Constable Alex. Smith, who received a bullet in his breast during the early hours of Thursday morning last. He appears to be resting easily, although the doctors say he cannot live save by a miracle.

COMPLAINT is made of the manner in which unruly boys make life unbearable for any Chinaman finding employment on Menzies street. One resident of that neighborhood says he finds it next to impossible to keep Chinese domestics, owing to the treatment they receive when out of doors.

LAST night Loyal Dauntless and Loyal Fernwood lodges, C.O.O.F., united to hold a Christmas tree entertainment for the members and their children. The tree was covered with unusually handsome presents, and after they had been distributed a jolly social time was spent with music and songs to add to the general enjoyment.

A NEW YEAR's social was given by the officers and members of Triumph lodge, No. 16, I.O.G.T., on Thursday evening last in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt. A capital programme was very ably carried out and various games were indulged in during the evening. Many naval, military and civilian friends accepted invitations, and a very pleasant social was brought to a close at 12 o'clock by singing Auld Lang Syne.

ACTIVE operations are being resumed this week at the Alberni Consolidated mine, a number of men with supplies and some needed machinery having been sent in overland from Nanaimo this week. The property as its development proceeds becomes more and more satisfactory to the owners, a new ledge having recently been uncovered of ore similar in character, and which assays from $1,500 to $2,000 to the ton.

MAJOR JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY, Q. C., and ex-M. P. for North Ontario, arrived last night from Toronto, and is registered at the Driard. Major McGillivray, who is supreme secretary of the Independent Order of Foresters, lectures this evening under the auspices of the local courts at A.O.U.W. hall. He comes with the reputation of being a most interesting and entertaining speaker, and consequently the audience will likely be large.

THE townsite company of Grand Forks, B. C., are offering a number of lots for sale in this city through Flint & Prosser, brokers, Broad street. This is the section of country which has attracted so much attention during the past year on account of the marvelous mineral deposits discovered. The coming spring is certain—so say all who have knowledge of the facts—to see a great rush of miners and capitalists into this region.

FEW people in these busy days are willing to live without a calendar to mark the passing of time. This fact, no doubt, accounts for the calendars of all kinds, colors, shapes and sizes which flood the mails at this season. Among them all the one that best suits is that issued by N. W. Ayer & Son, the "keeping everlastingly at it" newspaper advertising agents of Philadelphia. We have just received a new copy and are fixed for 1897. It is not difficult to see why this calendar is so great a favorite. The figures on it are large enough to be read across a room; its handsome appearance makes it worthy of a place in the best furnished office or library, while it is business-like all the way through. The publishers state that the demand for this calendar has always exceeded the supply. This led them years ago to place upon it a nominal price—25 cents, on receipt of which it is sent, postpaid and securely packed, to any address.

DURING recent weeks a new regulation has been adopted by the naval authorities at Esquimalt which is greatly appreciated by all Victorians and is in addition a great attraction to visitors in the city. It is in connection with the regular drill of the men while the ships are in port, the programme now providing that when weather conditions are favorable the "Red Marines" (Royal Marine Light Infantry) and the men of the Royal Artillery shall vary their regular Wednesday drill by landing at the outer wharf and marching back to Esquimalt. On Thursday the bluejackets, accompanied by the band, have similar exercise. The flagship being away on a cruise at present the marching will probably be missed this week; it will, however, be resumed as soon as the Imperieuse returns home. The spectacle afforded citizens by the marching through of the brave defenders of our country's flag is in itself an object lesson in patriotism, of which the city as well as individual citizens might well express appreciation; it is, too, a sight that impresses visitors most favorable, and in which they express themselves in terms of unstinted admiration.

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KOOTENAY TRADE.

Mr. A. B. Gray Says Victoria Wholesalers Are Doing an Increased Business With the Mining Districts.

Mr. A. B. Gray, who arrived last night from an extended trip through West Kootenay, speaks of the great mining development that is sure to come in the spring and the assurance of an immense immigration to that part of the province. The Slocan country is receiving special attention from capitalists and around Slocan lake prospects of great richness are being opened up and are developing into assured mines. The starting of the railway from Slocan City to Kootenay Crossing, to give all mail communication with Nelson is certain, and the C.P.R. are having constructed machinery for a steamer to be placed on Slocan lake. Barges to carry loaded cars are also to be built. The general feeling throughout the whole of Kootenay is of hopeful confidence in the great future before that part of British Columbia, and a pleasing feature in the development of Kootenay is the large and constantly increasing amount of business which is being done there by the wholesalers of the Coast cities, and especially Victoria.

IN the Central Presbyterian church, James Bay, last evening a Christmas tree entertainment given by the Boys Brigade and Sabbath school attracted a fair gathering, and a good programme made the event pass off very pleasantly.

MR. W. J. HANNA asked the city through Chief Sheppard to have the photograph taken of the unfortunate suicide, who registered as Louis Ils, and being refused, there being no funds for such purpose, had it taken at his own expense, and will forward copies to the San Francisco officials, so that possibly some anxious friends may learn of his sad end.

AT a recent meeting of Majestic Council, No. 1,513, Royal Arcanum, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Regent, W. J. Hanna; vice-regent, J. A. Dow; orator, E. E. Wootton; secretary, J. Sears; collector, J. W. Bolders; treasurer, W. H. Jones; chaplain, W. J. Dowler; guide, J. A. Ritchie; and warden, R. F. Ely. The society is arranging for a social to be given tomorrow evening in the Pioneer hall.

THE attendance at the Morris tube shoot at the drill hall last evening was fairly good. The intention is to hold these competitions every Tuesday evening for the present. The following are the two highest scores in the three classes:

1st Class—Sergt. Maj. Mulcahy, 41; Sergt. Bailey, 41 less 3,—38.
2nd Class—Sergt. Russell, 45; Gr. Harrap, 36.
3rd Class—Gr. Bridgeman, 45; Tr. Harris, 36.

GRAND PATRIARCH HUXTABLE, assisted by other grand officers last night, installed the officers of Vancouver Enment No. 1, I.O.O.F. The new officers are: C.P., Geo. Glover; H.P., F. A. Pillingsley; S.W., A. Graham; J.W., Wm. Carse; Scribe, R. A. Anderson; Treas., J.E. Phillips. The appointed officers are: Guide, J. S. Smith; 1st W., A. Henderson; 2nd W., E. Bragg; 3rd W., M. McCahill; 4th W., A. J. Beckner; 1st G.T., J. E. Sabin; 2nd G.T., W. S. Dempster; O.S., W. H. Huxtable; I.S., W. Adams. After the ceremony the newly installed officers entertained the grand officers with refreshments, including preserved pineapples, a present from Patriarch Boulter, of Toronto. The usual toasts to the retiring officers and Grand Encampment of British Columbia were responded to by the Grand Patriarch and others, and speeches and songs brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Change of Time.

Beginning Monday, January 4th, the steamer Rosalie will, until further notice, change her time of leaving Victoria to 7:30 a.m. daily except Sunday's. This alteration will enable passengers to reach Seattle at 2:30 every afternoon except Sunday's. Returning, she will leave Seattle daily except Saturday's, at 9:30 p.m.

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A poster accompanies this issue of The Colonist. We request you to read it and come prepared to ask for and to inspect the goods as advertised.

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STILL THEY COME.

Other Candidates in the Field for Civic Honors.

Very little interest is taken as yet in the approaching civic elections, although it is less than a week to nomination day, which is January 11. This lack of interest is probably owing to the elections following so close upon the holiday season. However the elections have to be faced, and the great difficulty seems to be to secure suitable candidates for the positions who are willing to run.

The crop of candidates for the coming civic elections is steadily growing, and before nomination day there will, no doubt, be a rush of names as in former years. Besides those mentioned yesterday, Mr. John Hall, who formerly sat in the city council, will offer himself for election as alderman in the South Ward. L. Vigelius, another former alderman, will offer as a representative for the Central Ward, and while several other names are mentioned in the North and South Wards. There are altogether four candidates so far for the three seats on the school board that will have to be filled. These are Mr. Charles Hayward, the present chairman of the board, who seeks re-election; Mrs. Jenkins, who is a leading member in the Women's Council, and whose candidature is endorsed by that body; Dr. Lewis Hall and Mr. William McKay, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council.

These are all the candidates so far, but as aspirants for municipal offices resemble small boys hanging round the edge of the water waiting for someone to jump in first, now that the ice is broken they will probably be tumbling in fast enough—some of them will find it cold, too, before they get out of it again.

A Vienna dispatch to the Times reports that "Technicist" writes to the Neue Freie Presse that there is no doubt that Austria-Hungary will follow France and Germany and spend from eight to one hundred millions for quick-firing guns for artillery service.

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Don't buy old imported Jams; buy Okell & Morris'—pure and fresh.

THE MERCHANT MARINE.

Recommissioning of the Old "Haytian Republic"—Ocean Going Craft Active.

Yesterday was a busy day among the deep sea craft, there being a general movement to execute charters. During the morning the barks Addenda and Rosalie, both of which have been lying in Royal Roads, towed up to Chemainus where they will receive lumber cargo under the terms of charter already made public. The Lorne brought to Esquimalt from Port Angeles the well known bark Richard III; the bark City of Florence cleared for Tacoma; and, after waiting several weeks, the British ship Andora received a charter to take lumber to the West Coast of South America—loading either on Burrard Inlet or on Puget Sound. The Lorne left during the evening for Departure Bay, to tow to sea from there the coal-laden ship J. C. Potter.

"PORTLAND" TO RE-ENTER COMMISSION.

"The old steamer Portland, which has been swinging to her anchor in Oakland Creek for many months, will soon be in commission again," says the San Francisco Call. "She has been chartered by Captain Kidston, agent of the North American Transportation and Trading Company, for the Yukon river service. New passenger accommodations are being put in, new boilers will replace the old ones, and the vessel will be made first-class in every particular. About $20,000 will be expended in the repairs.

The Portland was first known as the Haytian Republic, and was engaged in the freight and passenger business between Victoria and Portland, Or. She became involved in litigation, and was purchased by John Rosenfeld & Sons and brought to this port. When ready for sea she will be put on in opposition to the Alaska Commercial Company's boats."

MARINE NOTES.

The British bark Province I, 1,696 tons, Capt. Jones, and the British ship Kinkora, 1,799 tons, Capt. McMurtry, have arrived in Burrard Inlet to load lumber, the former at Moodyville for Freemantle, Australia, and the latter at the Hastings mill for the United Kingdom.

It is possible that the old bark Richard III, which was towed to an anchorage alongside the Esquimalt marine ways yesterday morning, may not go to sea again under her present rig. There is talk of her being converted into a barge.

The City of Everett passed up to Nanaimo early yesterday morning to take coal cargo for San Francisco.

Monday night's mails were brought from the Terminal City yesterday by the Empress of India.

H. M. S. Imperieuse was at Comox yesterday.

ENTERED—JAN. 4.

Str. Miowera.....from Honolulu.
" Lorne..... " Tacoma.
Bark Roselie..... " Honolulu.

JANUARY 5.

Str. Islander.....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston. " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" Princess Louise.. " N. Westminster.
" Evangel..... " Port Angeles.
" Lorne..... " Tacoma.
" Lorne..... " Port Angeles.
" City of Nanaimo " Nanaimo.

CLEARED—JAN. 4.

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" Princess Louise.. " N. Westminster.
" Evangel..... " Port Angeles.
" City of Nanaimo.. " Nanaimo.
" Skidegate..... " "
" Hope..... " "
" Spinster..... " Sooke.
" Constance..... " Chemainus.
Schr. Echo..... " Roche Harbor.

THE LUMBER COMBINE.

End of the Most Stupendous Trust Ever Organized on the Pacific Coast.

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—The Central Lumber Co., of California, the most stupendous trust ever organized on the Pacific Coast, is a thing of the past. No such combine was ever effected for the control of a market in this end of the world, and the inability to maintain its organization is what non-sympathizers with the scheme prophesied at the time of its inception. The conditions of its agreement were the stiffest ever promulgated and were a practical mortgage, bill of sale and all around cinch on the operations of the mills and the members of the trust. The big lumber trust on January 1 passed out of existence, and its history will furnish a chapter to that of the coast that will show the impractibility of holding down the very feature that furnishes life to trade.

Victor F. Beckman, editor of the Pacific Trade Journal, in an interview remarked that the expected had occurred.

"This," said Mr. Beckman, referring to the dissolution of the trust, "was determined upon a few days ago, and in a letter to the Pacific Lumber Trade Journal President E. J. Holt corroborated the fact. It had a hard row to hoe from the start, but its plan was the best ever gotten up on the Pacific coast, inasmuch as it controlled every cargo mill on the Coast but three, and at one time the outlook was rosy, indeed. But, like any business proposition, the supply and demand, keenness and competition, man's cupidity and necessities and natural opposition had to be considered and the rocks upon which the Central Lumber Company broke were sharp. In the first place, the projectors confidently believed that the demand in 1896 would exceed that of 1895. That being the belief they were confident that price cutting would be impossible. But the demand did not come up to expectations, the proportion of supply and demand being, according to Mr. Holt, 4 to 1 instead of 3 to 1, as compared with eighteen months ago. The anticipation of enhanced values prior to the formation of the company, furthermore, caused the piling up of great stocks of lumber in San Francisco and other California distributing points at lower prices, so that when the new list became operative the inevitable followed. To-day lumber is selling at barely cost in San Francisco.

"However, during this period the mill men in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia were simply spectators. They could not understand why orders were not coming in and why their dividends were so small. At the same time one mill in British Columbia, four in Washington and four in Oregon, not members of the company, had started into the cargo trade and were cutting the price from 50 cents to $2 per 1,000 feet and were running overtime."

RECOGNITION OF CUBA.

Official Memorandum Regarding the Past Policy of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Hale to-day presented to the Senate a memorandum on the mode of recognition of foreign governments and foreign states by the government of the United States from 1789 to 1897, which, notwithstanding the document makes no such claims, is unquestionably intended to bear upon the question of the recognition of Cuba. Assuming that the dominion of the Spanish-American republics by the United States and England may be taken as typical, the conclusions are:

1—Definite independence cannot be held to be established, and is recognized so long as a substantial struggle is being maintained by the former sovereign state for the recovery of its authority; and that

2—A mere pretension on the part of the former sovereign state, or a struggle so inadequate as to offer no reasonable ground for supposing that success may ultimately be obtained, is not enough to keep alive the rights of the state and to prevent foreign countries from falling under an obligation to recognize as a state the community claiming to have become one.

The memorandum takes up ad seriatim the various acts of recognition by this government, beginning with the recognition of the independence of the French republic in 1793.

OPENING UP THE PROVINCE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In looking over the interesting and satisfactory trade figures for last year, contained in your New Year's issue, I was struck with the thought: "What will the showing for 1897 be?" More favorable there can be no question of doubt. The increased shipments of English goods now on the way—special preparations being made by our wholesalers for pushing business—large foreign orders on hand for lumber, encouraging coal business, the big salmon year, and the certainty of mineral production hitherto unequalled in the history of the province, all combine to induce me to arrive at this conclusion.

Would it not, therefore, be a most opportune time for the local government to put into force a truly live and progressive policy to open up and settle this Western part of Canada, which is now attracting so much attention from all parts of the world?

The Edinburgh Scotsman of a recent date in referring to the mineral resources of this province, stated that "additional railroads were badly needed." Surely when people at such a distance know this, we on the spot should know it better.

Does this state of affairs exist because it cannot be overcome? Surely not. The matter only requires taking hold of by the government with a strong hand and the people will, I am sure, endorse their action. We are anxious to retain trade which is slipping through our fingers, largely by the railroad enterprise of our American neighbors.

New districts are clamoring for outlets—the province is calling from one end to the other for railroads. Should not, therefore, something be done, and done at once? The coming session of the local house will be anxiously looked forward to. D. R. KER.

HONOR WHERE HONOR'S DUE.

TO THE EDITOR:—It is with keen regret that I see by your issue of this morning Ald. W. G. Cameron does not intend to offer himself for re-election at the approaching municipal election. I have been a close observer of the members of this year's council, and without prejudice against any of his fellow-aldermen I must say Mr. Cameron has distinguished himself above them all for sound, practical common sense. He is not a jawsmith—he does not aim at oratory or gallery effect as do certain others of the board. Instead, he gives quiet, careful consideration to every item of business brought forward; forms his own honest opinion uninfluenced by outside consideration; speaks his mind plainly, and acts as he believes best for the interests of the city and the citizens. With eight others like him to direct its affairs Victoria would have a council that would remove the reproach from the present form of municipal government and advance in a manner that would astonish the eyes of the small politicians and wire pullers who appear to enjoy a comparative monopoly of the administration of civic affairs.

VICTORIA WEST.

Victoria, January 5, 1897.

GOVERNMENT AGENT AT ALBERNI.

TO THE EDIOR:—The editor of the Province in a late issue has seen fit to make some equally uncalled for and characteristic remarks regarding the conduct of our local government agent. The miners of this district who come in contact with Mr. Fletcher in his official capacity more frequently than any other class, are unanimous in their praise of the uniformly courteous and considerate manner in which all business, official or otherwise, is transacted by the government office. ALBERNI.

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SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 4.

Dr. A. T. Sanden:

Dear Sir,—The belt that I got of you over two years ago for Debility did me a great deal of good. I was enabled to lay it aside after a few months' use, and have since had no recurrence of the trouble which first induced me to purchase the belt. I am satisfied that the use of the belt two years ago prevented the loss of my position, and checked permanently a serious derangement. I am sure that I would not have been able to work had I not used the belt. Yours truly, W. D. REEDY.

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Silver Band Mining Company, Limited, of Slocan.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 6th January, 1897, at the office of the Company, No. 74 Wharf street Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Provisional Trustees, and appointing Trustees for the ensuing year, with other necessary business.
F. F. HEDGES,
Secretary-Treasurer
Victoria, 21st December, 1896. de22

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BY-LAWS.

Municipal Notice.

WARDS BY-LAW, 1896.

Notice—The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having passed a resolution on the 2nd day of November, 1896 "That the 'Wards By-Law, 1896' be not further proceeded with by the Council until after a vote of the electors entitled to vote on a By-Law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality has been taken and the By-Law has received the assent of a majority of the votes polled by such electors, and the said Council having also passed a resolution on the 16th day of November, 1896, that the 'Wards By-Law, 1896,' be submitted to the vote of the Municipal Electors on the 14th day of January, 1897, and that such vote be taken in each ward at the Polling Place that may be appointed for taking the votes for the election of Aldermen for such ward at the forthcoming Municipal Election, and be taken on the said 14th of January, 1897, from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m."

I hereby give notice that such of the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a By-Law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality are requested to attend at the Polling Place, or Places of the Ward or Wards of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the said By-Law.

The Polling Places are as under:

For the North Ward, at Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For Central Ward, at the building on the south-west corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street East Side.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1897.
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
ja3-td Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for the purpose of electing three persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:—

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, at the City Hall, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for three (3) Candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such Candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1897.
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
ja3-td Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1897.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall; in the aforesaid City on Monday the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in manner following:

For the office of Mayor in the Court Room in the City Hall aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (east side), of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination registered owner, in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria for the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination, the registered owner in the Land Registry office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1897.
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
ja3 Returning Officer.

VICTORIA CITY POUND.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of January, 1897, at the City Pound, situated on Chamber street, in the City of Victoria, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by public auction one sorrel mare, unless the said animal is redeemed and pound charges thereon paid on or before the hour of sale.
A. McINNES,
Poundkeeper.
Victoria, B C., January 2nd, 1897. ja5

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.
By order.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. de18

Retiring from Business.

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TENDERS.

Dry Goods Business For Sale.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 1st day of February next, for the purchase of the stock-in-trade, furniture, fixtures and good-will of the late W. Craft, situate at No. 93 Douglas street, Victoria. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to.
W. G. CAMERON, Executor.
ja1 55 Johnson Street.

For Sale by Private Tender.

The good will and stock in trade of the lat William Powell, Blacksmith, situate at the corner of Johnson and Broad streets, Victoria, and known as the "Ontario Wagon shop." Tenders stating price and manner of payment, to be sent by Saturday, 9th January, 1897, to the undersigned, at the corner of Yates and Broad streets Victoria.
de5 C. E. RENOUF.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for house, outbuildings, (with two or four lots to suit purchaser) up to 30th January. Apply Wm. Radford, "Radcroft," Oak Bay avenue. de25

No. 267.

By-Law

Respecting the Municipal Election for the City of Victoria for the year 1897.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room, in the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Alderman in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward—At Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward—At the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the South Ward—At No. 27 Government Street (east side).

4. The provisions of the "Election By-law," passed the 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this by-law and the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896," shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said elections; Robert H. Johnston is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer at the said election for the office of Mayor; James H. Falconer is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North Ward at the said election; William Burnes is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Central Ward at the said election, and Thomas J. Dearburg, is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the South Ward at the said election.

6. The "Municipal Election By-law, 1896," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 21st day of December, 1896.

Reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896.

[L.S] ROBERT BEAVEN,
Mayor.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B.C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
de25 C.M.C.

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.
no25-1w H. E. FORSTER.

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of NOVEMBER, 1896.
SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to amend the "Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896," by giving power to the Company to amend its Articles and Memorandum of Association from time to time as the Company may deem necessary.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 29th day of December, A.D., 1896.
McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD.
de31 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring mining rights over unoccupied parts of the Cottonwood river, Cariboo District, and the banks thereof between the points A and B on a plan in the possession of the undersigned; also to divert the water from portions of the bed of said river, and to take, use, appropriate and divert the waters of said Cottonwood river, and of Swift river, Lightning Creek and Chislom Creek, or any tributaries of the same, and to build flumes and lay pipes, and to supply said water for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, electrical, domestic and other purposes, and for other powers and privileges incidental or conducive to the aforesaid objects

Dated this 30th day of December, 1896.
ja1 P. C. DUNLEVY,

NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General. WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command.
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Adjourned sittings of the Court of Revision and Appeal will be holden as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria South and Esquimalt, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday, January 8th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the City of Victoria, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor.
Victoria, December 28th, 1896. de31

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897 at the same hour and place.

By order.
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.
DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

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THE GREAT ATTRACTION THAT FEW AMERICAN WOMEN CULTIVATE.

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SCOTCH nurses are in great demand among the titled and the rich in the old world. Indeed there is scarcely a prince or princess of the blood in Europe who has not spent the years of childhood beneath the care of a dame hailing from the north of the Tweed. This is due to the fact that the sweetest voices in the world are those of Scotchwomen. It is simply irresistible, for the sounds of the vowels are absolutely unhampered. This sound may be high or low, but there is no discordance anywhere, and the harmony of the well pitched organ is soothing in the extreme—so much so, of a truth, that it seems created on purpose for lulling a baby to sleep with its melodiously soft cadence. A remarkable gift is a really fine toned voice; it has been responsible for half the success of the great Sarah Bernhardt, and is also one of the most remarkable characteristics of the celebrated divette Yvette Guilbert. France and Scotland produce the purest toned voices in the universe, and strange it is to say that it is, generally speaking, on the seashore that one encounters the most perfect specimens thereof. In the wildest portions of Brittany, among the great basaltic cliffs overhanging the tumultuous waves of the Atlantic, one often hears proceeding from the rosy mouth of some savage little cowherdess such bell-like harmony that one stands there filled with admiration, almost believing that some supernatural music has reached one's ear. The same thing is to be met with on the Scotch sea border, a fact which would lead one to believe that far from destroying the vocal chords, as they are claimed to do, the salt breezes strengthen and refine them at the same time.

The voice should be educated like any other of our faculties, and that not alone with a view to singing, but also for the purpose of developing its beauties in ordinary conversation. It is an intrument, and one of the most exquisite and delicate of instruments. So why should we not take as much trouble in that direction as we do to teach our children piano, harp, guitar or violin? To this many people will object that some of the very sweetest of voices are occasionally heard in the mountains of Tyrol, in the plains of Spain or Italy, or on the Russian steppe, and that from thoroughly uneducated persons who have certainly never given a thought to the training of their vocal chords. That is true enough, but in such cases the charm of the organ is a natural gift, and also sometimes a national endowment. Unfortunately for them, the Anglo-Saxons do not possess pretty voices. Far from it. They emit a noise when they speak which seems to wrap the tone—it is a scraping of the chords—and is extremely disagreeable to hear. Like unto the snakes and toads falling from the mouth of the bewitched princess of fairy tale fame, an unmelodious voice spoils the loveliness of any woman, be she as perfect of form and figure as Venus herself, whereas a musical organ renders the homeliest one attractive. I remember once being almost driven to desperation by a well meaning friend of mine who undertook to read to me some of Wordsworth's choicest poems. I was ill at the time, and had not even the resource of running away from that harsh, rasping voice, destroying one by one the sweetness of every verse; yet my friend was a highly polished and educated woman, very good to look at, too, but the Anglo-Saxon "scraping" she possessed to a marked degree, and the result was lamentable in the extreme.

Screaming and calling aloud are detestable for the voice. The best proof of this is that the Genoese, who are an eminently "calling" people, if I may be permitted this locution, have voices that well nigh upset the toughest of nervous systems. So do the Swiss, who in the bargain indulge in a drawling twang which is simply unbearable. Old Prince Gortchakoff, a wit and a sensualist if ever there was one, used to say that the finest and most imposing landscapes of Helvetia were spoiled for him by the atrocious voices and intonations of its inhabitants. It is all very well to talk of the melodious "yodeling" of the Swiss cowherd, or of the Alpine "senner in," but one must have heard these harsh rumbling sounds proceeding from some sunlit peak above one's head, and been startled thereby from some poetical reverie, to realize how very grating they are to a sensitive ear.

Unaccountable it is that in the Austrian mountains, which are so nearly connected with the Swiss Alps, the voices of the mountaineers are so entirely different. There the "yodeling" becomes a softly trilled "Tyrolienne," pure as crystal, and vibrates through the limpid air like the soft purring of a cascade falling and gliding over moss grown rocks.

In Italy there are by no means as many beautiful voices as the uninitiated think. In the southern portion of the peninsula one hears often a pleasing organ, and in Venice I have been several times enraptured by some feminine voice that had in it all the quality of a nightingale's notes, but, as a rule, the Italian voice is loud toned and passing harsh. Many a time have I when riding or walking through the orchards and cornfields of Lombardy shuddered as I heard the "yell"—I am sorry that I can find no other descriptive word for the sound—with which one peasant woman calls another who is at work at some distance, or summons her husband and other male relatives to the midday dinner. It begins with a prolonged "Oh-h-h-h-h!" which is strung on indefinitely it seems, and when one can hardly bear it any longer terminates abruptly in a "He-e-e-e-e-e." Nothing can give an idea of this dismal emission, which comes far more from the head than from the lungs or throat.

The Spanish woman would possess a much sweeter organ than does her Italian sister were it not that the guttural pronunciation of her native language spoils the quality thereof to a regrettable extent. Nevertheless one does occasionally hear a fine contralto or mezzo soprano—low and slumberous and sweet exceedingly—in the provinces which lie on the sea border, but this joy is rare. I have always found that southern voices have a metallic ring in them something like the resonance of a clarion, and if some people like brass instruments, I am certainly not among their number. The more one goes northward, on the contrary, the softer the voice of women becomes. In Russia and in Poland this is especially the case, although in the latter country the "wodki," or plum brandy, which the fair sex absorb with quite as much ardor as do the men, destroys a goodly number of naturally charming voices.

During a trip which I undertook some years ago through the wilds of Siberia, I heard the most perfect voice which, I truly believe, it can be given mortal ear to listen to. We had driven far that day under the snow laden sky which hung like a pall of gloom above our heads, and so tired were we of the endless glare of the whitened "steppe" that we did not care to wait until we reached the next posthouse in order to take a much needed rest of a few hours. So consequently we stopped toward the decline of the short afternoon at a small straggling farmhouse, built of logs, and which looked anything but inviting. The people within were rough and uncouth and did not appear to be extraordinarily well pleased to see us dismount from our sleigh at their door, but the hope of earning a few rubles induced them to make us welcome after their own very unpleasant and surly way. We gathered about the glowing stove and drank innumerable cups of tea to warm ourselves. This tea was brought to us by a blue eyed, flaxen haired girl of 16 or 17 years old, whose features indicated plainly her Kalmuk origin. She was far from pretty, but when, answering some question which I had addressed to her, she spoke I felt ready to kneel down and worship her. Oh, that voice, pure and soft as that of a woodlark's! It sounded like the tinkling of a chaplet of pearls against the edge of a golden cup, like the falling of silver beads upon crystal; but no, nothing can be compared to that melody, and, like the great czar Nicholas, who made a young serf whom he had heard singing one of the great nobles of his empire, I wished that I could have adequately rewarded the girl for the joy she caused me.

In the orient one hears often a magnificent voice within the sacred precincts of the harems and zenanas belonging to wealthy Turks or Indians. The Moslems adore fine voices, and are ready to pay a high price for wives who possess this natural quality. In Algiers, too, and in Marocco, there are some little orange sellers, veiled partly with the sable "yashmak" of their race, who emit the sweetest sounds imaginable from beneath those silky folds. They offer their wares in a kind of swinging, rolling intonation, what the French call a "melopee," which is singularly delightful to hear, and reminds one involuntarily of the trill of a thrush, but with more chastened brilliancy in its composition yet. Very seldom does one hear in France a really displeasing voice. It is charming to listen to the gay, warm tones of a bevy of pretty grisettes working in some overheated atelier, and in the fields of Normandy, Vendee or Brittany at the midday rest the chatter of the peasant women is a most welcome music. No voice which has an affected ring in it will ever be really fine. Affectation is sufficient to mar the beauty of any organ, and that is why even the best trained of Anglo-Saxon voices is not agreeable. One feels the effort of enunciation, the forced lowness, and it hurts one's love of the truly and naturally beautiful.

A most lovely exception to this rule is the voice of her gracious majesty, Queen Victoria. It would be difficult to find one which possesses more power and charm. Without the slightest effort the queen pitches it in such a way that when talking in public her farthermost listeners can hear her perfectly, and, moreover, there is peculiar intonation there, which makes one think of the sound of a silver horn mellowed by distance. Splendidly does the aged sovereign manage that voice, too, and gives it a persuasive, gentle, echoing harmony which entrances everybody. This is not done in an affected way. Far from it. It is a natural gift, and one which ought to fill with a spirit of emulation every feminine heart.

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	45°	Mean 46°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	44°		
9 a.m..	45°	Highest 49°	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	49°		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	47	Lowest 44°	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	47.		Rain—1.18.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed ..... 30.025 {Reduced 30.000

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—Mrs R F Tolmie, Miss F Nelson, Robert Robertson, A F Haines, Wm Lawson, F W Gattle, E Howcroft, J Wakefield, C A Holland, O H Von Milligan, H Miller, H M Casey and wife, J V Wekoff, Miss Dunlop, C F Delles, S Goodman, F Challor, Mrs E Moore, Mrs Cleht.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—R. Wickens, F Grass and Miss Grass.

Per steamer ISLANDER from Vancouver—J W Girvin, F M O'Brien, J G Hay and wife, Rev D Wilson, A Whedden, J Clark, C Olsen, W C Cheney, T W Tiffin, A B Gray, J L Dranie, F J Wheeler, J Coote, F McKinnon, Miss McKinnon, C W Ward, J A McGillvray, D G Macdonnell, Mrs Maclure, P Ross, T R Kempton, Mrs Kempton, Rev J Hall, E Hall, Miss Oppenheimer, W R Roseburgh, C F Thomson, C E McKay, J M McDonald, R Ewen, Mrs Ewen, H T Hughes, M Douglass, R Douglass, and Mrs Cassidy.

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WILLIS—At "Oak House," Esquimalt road, on 2nd inst., the wife of Geo. H. A. Willis, Pri Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Station, of a son.

PERSONAL.

D. G. Macdonnell is over from the Terminal City.

G. H. Hadwen, Duncan, is a guest at the New England.

Miss Oppenheimer, of Vancover, is visiting the Capital.

C. W. Ward arrived down from the Mainland by last evening's Islander.

A. B. Gray arrived down from Nelson last evening and is at the Hotel Wilson.

Mrs. R. F. Tolmie returned from the Sound by yesterday's City of Kingston.

O. H. Van Millingen returned from Tacoma by yesterday's City of Kingston.

Rev. Dr. Wilson and Rev. Joseph Hall came over from the Mainland last evening.

C. A. Holland was a passenger from the Sound by yesterday's afternoon steamer.

Mrs. H. O. Wellburn, Duncan, and A. F. and Miss McKinnon, Vancouver, are at the Oriental.

Captain F. W. Gatter, of the N. P. steamship lines, is here to meeet the inbound Tacoma.

F. W. Tiffin, of Vancouver, and Frank O'Brien, of Kaslo, are among the late arrivals at the Driard.

F. J. Wheeler, district agent of the Great Northern, with headquarters at Vancouver, is a guest at the Driard.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C. P. R. steamship lines, came down from Vancouver by the Empress of India yesterday and registered at the Driard.

Geoffrey and Frank Scott, of Salt Spring Island, are expected home from England about the 20th instant, and H. W. Bullock early in May.

Captain Sanders, of the Northwest Mounted Police, McLeod, is in town, accompanied by Mrs. Sanders. They are travelling for pleasure and are registered at the Driard.

Chief Justice Davie and his family, as already announced, are expected back from California to-day by the Walla Walla. The chief justice, who went south for his health, was advised by the medical men at San Francisco that Victoria's climate would be more beneficial than that of California, consequently he decided to come home again.

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SALE CONSUMMATED.

War Eagle Mine Purchased by a Toronto Company—Dividends Declared by the Le Roi.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The money to make the first payment of $200,000 on the War Eagle mine is in the bank of Montreal. A special to the Miner from Spokane states that it was paid over to-day, but this was impossible as there was no representative of the company here to receive it. It is now, however, certain that the sale of the War Eagle to the Gooderham syndicate of Toronto, has been consummated. The balance of the purchase price, $850,000 in all, will be paid in a few days, as soon as the title can be passed to the new owners, which will not be until after a shareholders' meeting has been held in Spokane on the 20th inst.

A special to the Miner from Spokane states that at a meeting of the Le Roi Company a dividend of $25,000 was declared to-day, payable to-morrow. This makes $275,000 paid by that company in the past fifteen months.

A strike of some importance was made this afternoon in the Mascot belonging to the Big Three company. A drift from the tunnel has opened three feet of fine looking copper ore.

The vein of the Sunset has been traced into the Gold Hunter and opened on that claim 600 feet from the line of the Sunset. It shows three feet of quartz. Both properties belong to the Canadian Gold Fields' syndicate.

A special to the Miner from Trail states that a big strike has been made on the Little Joe on Look-out mountain. The showing consists of 18 inches of copper ore which assays $120 in gold per ton.

IRISH GRIEVANCES.

Overtaxation of the Peopie—Sir Edward Clarke on the Conclusions of the Royal Commission.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The vitality and intensity of the popular interest in the dominant question in Ireland, that of securing financial justice for the country, has been fully evinced by the great meetings held in Dublin, Limerick and Belfast. Despite the holiday season, these meetings attracted a strongly influential attendance, composed of men of all shades of political and religious faith, all eager to impress upon the British government their demand for the redress of their financial grievance. On Tuesday night an important meeting was held at Limerick. John Daly, the recently released dynamiter, spoke. His presence on the platform with Lord Dunraven shows how community of interest has caused political animosities to be laid aside. Mr. Daly elicited cheere by expressing the hope that if Lord Castletown, of Upper Ossory, remained true to himself, Ireland's history would proclaim him as the successor of Washington.

On Thursday night a meeting was held in Belfast, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting was to instruct the people on the taxation question, and politics had no place in the proceedings. Mr. Thomas Lough, Liberal M.P. for West Islington, author of "England's Wealth, Ireland's Poverty," was the principal speaker. He treated extensively of the report of the commission appointed to investigate the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. The meeting was largely attended and gave evidence no less than the other gatherings of the feeling in the country.

Since last week, it has been decided to recommend the appointment of another royal commission to investigate the tax question, instead of a committee of the House of Commons, as was at first proposed. This will enable the government to obtain a commission having a majority free of the alleged home rule bias of the former commission, whose report in favor of Ireland has afforded ground for the agitation now going on. This will delay any legislative action on the question for the next two sessions, and until that time the cabinet declines to settle the demand and reduce the Irish representation at Westminster under a redistribution of seats scheme. The leading witness who appeared before that commission, and who will re-appear before the next commission, says it will be impossible to disprove the contentfon that Ireland pays an annual excess of £2,500,000.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 5.—Sir Edward Clarke, solicitor-general in Lord Salisbury's former cabinet, speaking here last night upon the Irish grievances on account of the over-taxation of Ireland, advocated the granting to Ireland of £1,000,000 yearly from the Imperial exchequer. Sir Edward contended further that the position of Ireland on this question was mainly owing to Mr. Gladstone's so-called "Free Trade policy." The commission, he said, was politically a packed commission in favor of Home Rule, but it was a strong commission on questions relating to finance, and he thought its conclusions of fact entitled to acceptance.

HARVARD'S CROSS.

The Missing Treasure Mysteriously Returned to the College.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 5. — The famous Louisburg cross which was stolen a year ago from the Gore hall library, Harvard college, has been returned in as mysterious a manner as it was removed. It was found hanging at the door of the library this morning. The cross, which was one of Harvard's most valued treasures, is said to have been captured from a cathedral in Quebec during the Louisburg expedition.

Sheffield cutlery; all kinds in stock at Fox's, 78 Gov't. A fine line of razor strops just arrived. x

WELLER A VICTORIAN.

The Last Victim of the Man of Many Murders Came From This City.

Constable Conroy's Close Call—Butler Had Him Listed as a Prospecting Partner.

The interest which residents of this city cannot but evince in the series of terrible murders that has aroused all New South Wales to a terrible indignation against the murderer Butler, will be greatly intensified when it is generally known that Captain Lee Weller, his latest victim, for some time claimed Victoria as his home. He came here about three years ago, and though holding master mariner's papers served for some time as mate of the steam schooner Mischief, under Captain H. R. Foot, afterwards holding a similar position on the Dominion government steamer Quadra. From here he went to Boston, taking his little son with him, his intention being to send or accompany the boy to England, where Mrs. Weller was then living—and where doubtless she still resides with her own and her husband's relatives. Captain Lee Weller had warm friends here, although he was not a man to acquire a large number of acquaintances, and all are horrified at the terrible character of his end. It was Captain Weller who was Butler's last victim and it is under his name that the murderer is now flying from vengeance as a guest of the captain of the Swanhilda, en route to San Francisco from Newcastle and due to reach ker destination during the next few weeks.

In connection with the career of the wholesale murderer Butler, whom Detective McHattie and Constable Conroy, of Sydney, N.S.W., are now on their way to San Francisco to arrest, the latter officer tells a most interesting story. He was in fact a prospective victim himself, and but for the fact that he secured an appointment on the police just as he was on the point of forming a partnership with Butler to go "fossicking," he in all probability would have made one more in the list of victims. It is from the fact that he is so well acquainted with the multi-murderer that he has been selected to accompany Detective McHattie on the trail after him reaching across the seas. In their numerous interviews, resulting from Conroy having answered one of the trap advertisements, he had ample opportunity to become acquainted with the man, and there will be no doubt as to identification when the Swanhilda reaches San Francisco. In the ordinary course of events the ship would make no call on her voyage, and the officers have therefore little fear that the criminal will escape them.

One of the peculiarities of Butler's remarkable career appears to have been his practice of assuming the name and occupation of his latest victim. Frank Harwood, under which title he was almost as well known as under that of Butler, was the name of a young miner who went with him to the Coolgardie reefs two years or so ago. Little was thought of the circumstances when Butler returned without his partner, for many died of fever on those parched and desolate plains. Nor was any suspicion aroused even when Butler took the name of Harwood and assumed possession of his former partner's small property. He was Harwood's "mate," and the mining community knew of no one better entitled to his belongings.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The Death Penalty for All But Five Offences to Be Abolished.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate today passed the house bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is on the lines of the recent state laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to federal offences, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty. The present laws, which have come down from colonial times, have a sanguinary effect and prescribe death for sixty offences of various characters. The bill passed to-day reduces these offences to five, viz., treason, rape, murder, and two offences applicable to the army and navy. In all other offences, hard labor for life is substituted as the maximum puishment, and even in cases of murder and rape hard labor may be substituted if the jury states in its verdict "without capital punishment." The bill passed the house and is amended but slightly by the senate. It is likely to go to the President, when the minor disagreements have been arranged in conference.

During the day Mr. Call (Dem., Florida) introduced resolutions for information as to the condemnation of Julio Sangilly at Havana, to life imprisonment and also directing the secretary of state to demand Sanguilly's immediate release.

WEYLER'S PROGRAMME.

Will Conduct Ceaseless Operations—He Prefers Military Action to Reforms.

MADRID, Jan. 5. — Captain-General Weyler is quoted as saying that he expected to finish the insurrection in the province of Havana within a fortnight, and achieve a total pacification of the island to Jucaro, the southern extremity of the military line, in the province of Puerto Principe, long before the rainy season. He further stated that he was inclined to conduct ceaseless operations until he has achieved his object, as the conditions prevailing were promising. In conclusion the Captain-General said that his views on the political aspect of affairs were unchanged. He still believed that military action in Cuba ought to be allowed to take a free course until the end, and he did not consider that any reform movements were at present necessary. If the government asked him his opinion on the subject he would tell them so; but if the government had different views he would always assist them in carrying them out.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special dispatch from Madrid says owing to the government's prosecution of the Imparcial, Heraldo and Correspondencia these papers have agreed to withdraw their correspondents from Havana. It is understood Senor Canovas de Castillo and Sagista are opposed to the proposal for a temporary coalition ministry to settle the Cuban question.

M'KINLEY AND CUBA.

A Prominent Member of the Junta Interviews the President Elect—An American Senator on the Island.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—It was learned to-day that Senor F. G. Pirra, of the Cuban Junta, had a conference with President-elect McKinley at the home of M. A. Hanna on Sunday, at which the entire Cuban situation was thoroughly canvassed. Major McKinley did not indicate what use he would make of the information nor what stand he proposed to take when his time should come. It is understood, however, that he will treat of the Cuban difficulties at some length in his message to the extra session of congress. Major McKinley when seen to-day concerning the matter said: "Yes, Senor Pirra called on me and I had a very pleasant chat. He explained at some length the claims of the friends of the insurgents with regard to the war there," and concluded, "No, there is nothing further that I can say regarding the call."

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—General Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. consul-general, having notified the editor of La Lucha, Senor Arrostegui, that Senator-elect H. D. Money, of Mississippi, who was missing for some time from his headquarters here, the hotel Inglaterra, having aroused adverse newspaper comment, desired to make a statement on the subject. Mr. Money informed Seor Arrostegui that he had no connection with the Cuban Junta in New York, and that he has no acquaintance with any member of that body. He added that his voyage was undertaken solely as a vacation while congress was not in session, and in order to enjoy the mild climate of Cuba, while personally inquiring, so far as the laws of the country permitted, into the true situation existing there in order that, when necessary, he may be able to express himself clearly on the subject in the United States senate.

Col. Baquero has been engaged with a number of insurgents at Grinan, near Guantanomo. The enemy was dispersed with the loss of eight killed, among them being Insurgent Major Pedro Mestres. Later the same troops had a sharp skirmish at Altos Sorpresa, with the result that Spanish Major Gregoro Romero, of the Guantanamo squad was killed with two guerillas, the Captain and 22 soldiers being wounded.

General Luque having received information that the insurgents were camped at Brilladeras, Santa Clara, sent a detachment of troops as an advance guard under Lieut. Anemo, who surprised the enemy, and in an engagement which followed the insurgents lost ten men killed and the troops had three men wounded. The Alamanzo battalion while reconnoitering the heights of Castilla, in this province, engaged a detachment of insurgents who fled, leaving seven men killed, twenty saddles, eight sets of arms and a quantity of ammunition in the field.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, to-day introduced a joint resolution, stating that the Kingdom of Spain is not conducting the war in Cuba in accordance with civilized usage, and notifying it that if "the barbarous manner in which the war has been conducted, does not cease within thirty days, the United States will recognize the independence of Cuba and maintain it by force of arms."

AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN.

John Hay, One of Lincoln's Secretaries, Likely to Be Appointed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "President-elect McKinley has already chosen the ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Bayard's successor will be John Hay, of this city. His appointment was decided upon some time ago. Mr. Hay has been a resident of Washington for several years, but the appointment will be charged to Ohio, whence came John Hay. He was one of President Lincoln's secretaries and was with Mr. Lincoln almost constantly until the President's death. He gained a little military experience acting as the President's adjutant and aide-de-camp, serving several months as major and assistant adjutant-general under Generals Hunter and Gilmore. He was brevetted lieutenant-colonel and colonel. Mr. Hay has been secretary of the legations at Paris, Vienna and Madrid, and often charge d'affaires at each of these capitals.

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DROP IN CODFISH.

The Situation Has Become Alarming in Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 5.—(Special)—The price of codfish in the European markets has dropped alarmingly, and exporters here are apprehensive for the result. The French fishermen are flooding Southern Europe with their fish and are endeavoring to drive the Newfoundland fish out of those markets. One business house in St. John's has ten thousand quintals stored and does not know were to send it. Nova Scotian advices concur as to the depression.

MINING EXCHANGE INAUGURATED

Opened With Much Formalty in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The new mining exchange of New York was opened with much formalty this afternoon. The exchange occupies spacious quarters at 30 New street.

To the Electors of the North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of ratepayers I have consented to become a candidate for Alderman at the coming election.

ja5 D. H. RIDDELL.

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Sheriff's Sale.

I have seized and will sell at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the premises occupied by Henry Herman Freeman, Nos. 110 and 113 Government street, Victoria, the undermentioned goods and chattels, en bloc under a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the 30th day of December, 1896, at the suit of Lenz & Leiser vs. Henry Herman Freeman, to levy $5,972.87, $3.50 for costs of execution, etc., a large and well-assorted stock of Gents' Clothing and Furnishings, Watches, Jewelry and Store Fixtures. Terms cash. Goods and inventory to be seen on the premises at any time before sale.

ja3 J. E. McMILLAN, Sheriff.

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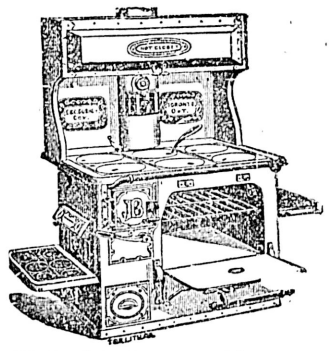

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

no15 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

THE MAYORALTY

To the Electors of Victoria:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence to secure my re-election to the office of Mayor on the 14th inst.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

January 3rd, 1897. ja3

To the Electors of the South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

I am a candidate for re-election as one of your representatives on the Board of Aldermen and shall value the vote of all those among my constituents who have approved the course I have pursued during the past year in my public position, and shall consider it an honour again to be elected to continue my efforts for the improvement of the general conduct of Civic affairs.

JOHN GERHARD TIARKS.

Victoria, Jan. 2nd, 1897. ja3

To the Electors of the South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence. If elected, one of my first efforts will be to remove the payment of a salary to Aldermen.

ja5 J. B. HARRISON.

To the Electors of the Central Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have consented to become a Candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election.

ja5 DONALD M'MILLAN.

For School Trustee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the earnest request of a large number of ratepayers I beg to announce myself as a Candidate for School Trustee at the forthcoming election. I would, therefore, solicit your vote and influence.

ja5 LEWIS HALL.